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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR ADAPTING A HEARING DEVICE TO A MOMENTARY ACOUSTIC SITUATION AND A HEARING DEVICE SYSTEM

the specification of which (check only one item below)

is attached hereto,

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was filed on November 18, 2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 10/716,231 and was amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I hereby state that the present application is at least in part a continuation of a prior application filed by me in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 27, 2003, Serial No. 10/400,842; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that, insofar as the subject matter of the present application

is not disclosed in the prior application, I acknowledge my duty to disclose information for which I am aware which is material to the examination of this subject matter, in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a), and which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

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